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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

### **"Help for Heroes" video tells story of veterans' courts, veterans' triumphs**

[Press release](#)

### **The MiLW Blog: Michigan Supreme Court names new clerk, chief of staff**

"Larry Royster has been named Michigan Supreme Court clerk and chief of staff, effective May 28. He replaces Corbin Davis, who has been in that position since 1983 and is retiring. Royster has served as the Michigan Court of Appeals chief clerk and research director since January 2011."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Larry Royster named Michigan Supreme Court Chief Clerk, Chief of Staff**

[Press release](#)

### **From The Detroit News: Report slams leadership of 36th District Court in Detroit; Case backlogs, \$4.5M in cost overruns cited**

"The 36th District Court is plagued by financial mismanagement, a backlogged docket and a bloated payroll, and is run by administrators unable or unwilling to change, according to a scathing report commissioned by state court officials. The study of the court's operations by the National Center for State Courts, which was released Thursday, was requested by the Michigan State Court Administrative Office because of concerns about its \$4.5 million in cost overruns this year and other problems."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Detroit Free Press: Report: Detroit's 36th District Court in crisis, over budget, hurting public**

[Full story](#)

### **Detroit Free Press: Prosecutors: Ex-Justice Diane Hathaway should go to prison for bank fraud**

"Federal prosecutors are recommending 12-18 months in prison for former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway when she is sentenced for bank fraud on Tuesday. Hathaway retired from the court amid a real estate scandal shortly before pleading guilty to the charge in U.S. District Court in Ann Arbor."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Associated Press: US: Lock up ex-Michigan justice for bank fraud**

[Full story](#)

**Note:** The article also ran in the Daily Tribune, the Lansing State Journal, the Macomb Daily, and the Times Herald/Port Huron.

### **The Detroit News: Former mistress hasn't ruled out lawsuit against McCree**

"The woman at the center of the scandal swirling around Wayne County Circuit Judge Wade McCree has not ruled out legal action against him. Geniene LaShay Mott, McCree's former mistress, was a guest on WJBK Channel 2's 'Let It Rip' and told host Huel Perkins 'who knows what will happen ... anything is possible' in answer to Perkins' question about a lawsuit."

[Full story](#)

**Associated Press: Mich. court says insurer doesn't have to buy van**

"An insurance company that refused to pay for a van for a disabled man has won an appeal at the Michigan Supreme Court. Auto-Owners Insurance says it agreed to pay for modifications to the van so Ken Admire could travel with his wheelchair. But it told the Ingham County man in 2007 that it would no longer pay for an entire vehicle because of a change in Michigan law."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit.**

**Also see:**

**WKAR News/East Lansing: Michigan Supreme Court Limits Expenses For Crash Victims**

[Full story](#)

**Detroit Legal News: Michigan Supreme Court to hold public administrative meeting (second article)**

"Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 1997-11, the Michigan Supreme Court will hold a public administrative hearing on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, in the Supreme Court courtroom located on the sixth floor of the Michigan Hall of Justice, 925 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48915."

[Full story](#)

**Detroit Legal News: Cooley Law to raise funds for Veterans Treatment Court**

"The Friends of Macomb County Veterans Treatment Court (FMCVTC) will be the beneficiary of Cooley Law School's annual spring charity fundraising event. The event, which will feature dinner, music, live comedy and a silent auction, is being held on Sunday, June 2 at Cooley's Auburn Hills campus beginning at 6 p.m."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Flint-Genesee County Legal News.**

**Detroit Legal News: Charity Motors donates \$5,000 to benefit for metro area foster children**

"Charity Motors, a Detroit-area charitable organization that collects and sells donated cars for area charities, recently announced that it will donate \$5,000 to sponsor In Seventh Heaven, a yearly fundraising event to benefit a Detroit organization that serves foster children."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.**

**Grand Rapids Legal News: Supreme Court Justice speaks to Cooley grads**

"Michigan Supreme Court Justice Stephen J. Markman served as the keynote speaker Sunday, May 19, for commencement at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Markman, who has been a member of the court since his appointment in 1999, addressed the crowd of graduates and their families during the school's 113th graduation ceremony."

[Full story](#)

**Grand Rapids Press: Suspect in 24-mile, high-speed chase argues children not likely to be seriously harmed**

"The state Court of Appeals upheld child-abuse convictions for a man who led police on a 24-mile, high-speed chase with unrestrained young children in the vehicle. Paul William Nix, 40, is serving four to 15 years in prison for two second-degree child abuse convictions, and six to 40 years for fleeing and eluding police in Northern Michigan."

[Full story](#)

## **Grand Rapids Press: Lawsuit against groundskeeper, 71, on hold after boy's Grand Haven sledding death**

"A lawsuit filed against a Duncan Park groundskeeper, on behalf of the family of a boy who died while sledding there, has been temporarily placed on hold as two other related cases are being settled in the Michigan Court of Appeals.... [Grand Rapids attorney John] Tallman told MLive on Thursday that [Ottawa Circuit Judge Jon] Hulsing had stayed the groundkeeper's suit until the Michigan Court of Appeals decides on the other two cases. Those cases are being consolidated, he said."

[Full story](#)

## **Grand Rapids Press: Wayland attorney pleads guilty to meth charge**

"A Wayland attorney has pleaded guilty to a methamphetamine charge after authorities last year found drug labs at his Wayland office and at an Otsego home. Patrick Burson, 45, pleaded guilty in Calhoun County Circuit Court today to a charge of maintaining a meth lab."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

## **The MiLW Blog: Wayland attorney pleads guilty to methamphetamine charge**

[Full story](#)

## **Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: The difficulties of setting a legal limit for high driving in Michigan**

"On Tuesday, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that medical marijuana patients are not automatically breaking the law if caught driving after using marijuana. Passed in 2008 by Michigan voters, the state's Medical Marihuana Act does prohibit patients from operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of pot."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

## **The Oakland Press: Michigan Supreme Court ruling: Patients driving with marijuana in system not illegal**

[Full story](#)

**Note:** The article also ran in the Macomb Daily.

## **The MiLW Blog: Hire a 'good lawyer' is advice after MSC medical marijuana decision**

[Full story](#)

## **Muskegon County Legal News: Snyder appoints Kathy Hoogstra to Judge in the 14th Circuit Court, Muskegon County**

"Muskegon Country Probate Court Administrator and Register Kathy Hoogstra has been appointed as the 14th Circuit Court judge by Gov. Rick Snyder. She replaces the spot vacated by Judge John C. Ruck."

[Full story](#)

## **Muskegon County Legal News: Bringing indigent defense internal: Muskegon County creates Public Defender Department**

"Muskegon County is taking a step forward in its ability to provide indigent defense services in the county. Bonnie B. Hammersley, Muskegon County Administrator, said, 'The State of Michigan has been studying the delivery of indigent defense or public defender services and the effectiveness of the program for several years.' "

[Full story](#)

## **Oakland County Legal News: Students can experience 'Moot Court' through Learning Center program**

"This summer, high school students can experience what it's like to argue a case before the Michigan Supreme Court, thanks to a program being offered by the Court's Learning Center. Rachael Drenovsky, the Learning Center's coordinator, explained the program features participation in a 'moot court,' in which participants prepare and argue a case."

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